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herein consists of personal comments and does not represent the official  
policies or positions of any party. Your mileage may vary. So there.

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Date: 17 Jan 93 22:51:49 GMT  
From: news-mail-gateway@ucsd.edu  
Subject: (none)  
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

Quent Johnson (quent@md.fsl.noaa.gov) said:

What if someone sends email containing obscenities.  
What about sound files containing music?  
What about email to mailing lists -- is this considered broadcasting?

I say:

I'm sure the control op eithe inspects the mail (unlikely) or has a  
kill file that looks for "obsscene, indecent, or profane words" in the  
text and doesn't allow transmission if it finds one. The full part of  
97.113(d) goes futher than this though: obsscene, indecent, or profane  
words or meaning [it might be difficult to stop the later with a kill  
file is only 'clean' words are used]; and/or false or deceptive  
messages or signals [this too are more difficult to detect]". Once must

also be wary of commercial messages (i.e look for the string "900" :-). THe FCC did backoff on the responsibilities of sysops who relayed messages in the system, the originator having the full responsibility. Unfortunatly the control operator of the gateway is the responsible person in this case. This may explain why there are very few gateways.

Data files containing musical sounds are only musical sounds when played on the appropriate equipment. They don't sound like music on the air (just sound like packets too me) so they're not in violation of Part 97.113(d). Consider why this rule was put in place originally and you can see it can't apply to data files. This might actually become important with more people getting into multimedia.

All the transmission are point to point on the ham side, so there is no broadcasting involved. Note to that bulletins (messages with multiple destinations) are allowed in the packet system and are not considered "broadcasts" because all transmissions involved are two way QSOs (between the BBSes passing the messages and the intermediate nodes).

In general, don't under interpret the FCC regulations and don't ask the FCC what the rules mean, as they'll often come up with a more conservative ruling futher restricting experimentation in the amateur service.

Follow ups are best directed to rec.radio.ham.policy

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Date: Sat, 16 Jan 93 12:12:47 CST  
From: swrinde!cs.utexas.edu!convex!news.oc.com!utacfd.uta.edu!rwsys!ricksys!  
news@network.UCSD.EDU  
Subject: Further evidence that CW should no longer relevant was (Re: USCG cw  
changes)  
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

[The original message was posted to r.r.shortwave,r.r.a.misc.  
If anyone want to discuss CW's relevance in modern communications,  
particularly with regard to Amateur Radio then followup-to r.r.a.policy]

lee@tossspot.sv.com (Lee Reynolds) writes:

> ....Just an FYI for those of us that like to monitor such things....  
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> U.S. COAST GUARD TO DISCONTINUE WATCHKEEPING ON THE DISTRESS  
> FREQUENCY 500 KHZ AND CEASE ALL MORSE CODE SERVICES

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> Effective August 1, 1993, all United States Coast Guard  
> Communication Stations and Cutters will discontinue watchkeeping on  
> the distress frequency 500 KHZ, and will cease all morse code  
> services in the medium frequency radiotelegraphy band. More  
> efficient telecommunication systems are now available to provide  
> the mariner with options for initiating or relaying distress  
> alerts, and passing and receiving maritime safety information.

Is not the fact that the USCG is discontinuing use of Morse Code,  
further indication that it is an antiquated mode that no one should be  
required to learn it, at least 5 wpm should be enough?

As I practice CW I find it's not so hard but, unless I fall in love  
with it I probably won't ever use it. If it takes me 30 minutes a day,  
at least 5 days a week, for 4 weeks or more to get from 5 wpm to 13  
could not this time be used for something better (not that wouldn't  
waste the time)?

I'll listen to and (or) read any argument except, "You have to do it  
because I had to," or "What if your in a plane that crashes and the  
mike is broke and you can only communicate by touching two wires  
together."

IF the USCG can see that cw is no longer an effiecient means of  
communicating, how long will it be required for Amateurs that want to  
communicate on HF?

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If I bounce (the maps have errors that I have no control over) then use  
bo836@cleveland.freenet.edu

BITNET: bo836%cleveland.freenet.edu@cunyvm

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Date: Fri, 15 Jan 1993 22:53:00

From: swrinde!cs.utexas.edu!convex!news.oc.com!utacfd.uta.edu!rwsys!ocitor!

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Subject: Oregon VE's

To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

Hello everyone,

I'm looking for some ARRL VE's in Oregon. I know some people on other echos  
that are in Oregon and are trying to find some VE sessions close to them.  
Can anyone post me a list of VE sessions. I need the cities and a person  
to contact for the times and places.

Tnx and 73's AA7KV Anthony (Carrollton, TX) W5YI VE# 10496

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